

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The following grants were sanctioned:—

Financial year	Amount Sanctioned Rs.
1954-55	10,850
1955-56	46,074
1956-57	58,852
1957-58	82,415
TOTAL	Rs. 1,98,191

It is reported that against the total sanction of Rs. 1,98,191, the State Government incurred an actual expenditure of Rs. 71,626 during the above years. At different times, different schemes are sent by State Governments and it will, therefore, not be possible to indicate the total amounts asked for.

Leather Co-operative Societies in Punjab

2191. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where the leather Co-operative Societies are located in Punjab;

(b) the description of articles manufactured by them; and

(c) the nature of assistance given to them by the Centre so far?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the Punjab Government and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Paper Mills

2192. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Mills manufacturing paper in the country and their annual output; and

(b) whether Government propose to license some new mills for paper during the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) There are nineteen mills in the country engaged in the manufacture of paper and paper board and their output in 1957 was 2,10,126 tons.

(b) 12 large scale units and 11 small scale units have already been licensed. If new proposals are received they will be considered on merits.

Weaver Co-operatives in Punjab

2193. { Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri Sadhu Ram:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of weavers Co-operatives formed in Punjab;

(b) how many such Co-operatives have got credit facilities from the Reserve Bank of India; and

(c) how many handlooms have been converted into Powerlooms so far in Punjab?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) 526.

(b) None.

(c) Information is not available.

Central Assistance to Punjab

2194. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of Central assistance to Punjab Government for the year 1958-59 under the Second Five Year Plan has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what is the amount?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 16.03 crores.